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Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report for the corresponding European application EP01305976 which cites the listed references. Examiner please note that cited reference 1, U.S. Pat. No. 6,190,949 and cited reference 7, Japanese laid open patent application publication JP10-41234, both claims priority to the same Japanese patent application, JP08-150306 filed May 22, 1996.

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